

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rule making related to work-based learning programs
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 48, “Statewide Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 256.7(5).

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, 2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2629.

Purpose and Summary

2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2629, requires the Department to establish “a process by which the department shall approve state-recognized work-based learning programs,” a process established by these rules.

Fiscal Impact

Any fiscal impact of this rule making is capped by a General Fund appropriation (Fiscal Note, House File 2629, July 14, 2020).

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the State Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 281—Chapter 4.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written or oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Department no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 16, 2021. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

March 16, 2021
10 to 10:30 a.m.

Room B100
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa
Via video conference:
idoe.zoom.us/j/98069592361?pwd=VHRHQXIUOXF6ZnV4YjJ4Q2dwSzBVZz09

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs by calling 515.281.5295.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend **281—Chapter 48**, title, as follows:

~~STATEWIDE WORK-BASED LEARNING INTERMEDIARY NETWORK~~

ITEM 2. Adopt the following new 281—Chapter 48, Division I heading:

DIVISION I
STATEWIDE WORK-BASED LEARNING INTERMEDIARY NETWORK

ITEM 3. Adopt the following new 281—Chapter 48, Division II heading:

DIVISION II
FUTURE READY IOWA STATE-RECOGNIZED WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS

ITEM 4. Adopt the following new rule 281—48.5(256):

281—48.5(256) Program established. The provisions of this division implement the future ready Iowa state-recognized work-based learning program as authorized under Iowa Code sections 256.7 and 261.131.

48.5(1) Definitions. As used in this rule:

“*Apprenticeship program*” means an apprenticeship program authorized under federal statute or by the state board of education pursuant to this chapter.

“*Eligible program*” means a program eligible under the future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program.

48.5(2) Alignment with last-dollar scholarship. Except as provided in this chapter, the rules governing eligibility for students, programs, and institutions shall be the same as the eligibility criteria specified in 283—Chapter 15 for the future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program.

48.5(3) Eligibility. Pursuant to 283—subparagraph 15.3(1)“j”(2), a student enrolled in an apprenticeship program aligned to an eligible program may be enrolled in an eligible program on a part-time basis.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 256.7.